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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Wednesday, Dec. 14.

THE WRONG MAN.—Yesterday some amusement was occasioned in the police court by the wrong man appearing in answer to a charge of disorderly conduct. The officer stated that the accused had used abusive language towards him and that he behaved like a scoundrel. The supposed offender, who is a well-known swindler, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to a fine of £10. The magistrate said that he had heard a noise in his yard and on going outside detected the persons in the act of bagging one of the feathered occupants of the house. Immediately John saw his companion, he recognized the Shanghai and declared, "It's fast as his legs would carry him." He was however followed and captured. The prisoner through his attorney first asserted that he was there for the very legitimate purpose of investing in "spuds," and afterwards that he happened to be passing and hearing a disturbance among the chickens he stepped in to enquire the cause. The magistrate did not consider the defense sufficiently explanatory, and sent John for 12 months to the chain gang.

NATHAN AND BOYLE.—Samuel Nathan appeared on remand yesterday on a charge of feloniously appropriating certain articles of jewelry belonging to his reputed wife Mary Boyle. Mr. Courtney prosecuted and Mr. Cary defended. The case was finally dismissed on the accused bringing to remit the value which he had taken from his master. On the conclusion of the trial, the parties commenced abusing one another, and had to be somwhat cooled by the Bench.

CHARGE OF INSANITY.—John Tait was yesterday brought before the Police Magistrate charged with threatening to shoot Mr. W. Pearce, Acting Surveyor General. As it appeared that the accused was of sound mind, Mr. Bishop demanded his trial for one week, that a medical certificate might be given of the state of mind.

THE IDAHO TRAGEDY.—George Smith arrested under a suspicion from the U. S. authorities on suspicion of being concerned in the Idaho robbery and murder, was yesterday brought up in the Police Court and remanded for three days to enable the Police to complete the evidence against him.

BOND OVER.—The assault case in the Police Court between Gorrieon and Abbott resulted yesterday in defendant being bound over to keep the peace for six months in the sum of £10. The magistrate dismissed the first charge and postponed the further hearing of the second until Friday.

ASSAULT.—Barney Dougherty was yesterday tried at 10 or 12 days' imprisonment for the assault upon Alexander McKinnon.

POLICE COURT.—Charles Good was charged yesterday with stealing a horse of the value of £75, belonging to Samuel Barclay. Mr. Bishop acted for the complainant. On

an investigation into the merits of the case it appeared that the dispute was one of mere identity, and the parties having agreed to a compromise, the charge was dismissed.

THE IDAHO TRAGEDY.—Oliver Ferrall CHRISTMAS RECESS.—The House of Assembly returned yesterday afternoon having succeeded in capturing Dulligan "the Brooky Jack" on Vlindry Island. The sheep Island, the property of Dulligan, has been taken possession of by the Police.

TAR-EVER.—This unfortunate bark has been beaten at Bolton's yard, and her looks stopped; she will probably be brought over to one of the wharves and have down to be prepared, ready.

H. M. GRAPPLER.—We are informed that as soon as the repairs to the Grappler are completed she will be placed in commission for active service.

MASONIC BURIAL.—The St. John's Eve Ball to be given by the Masonic Lodges of this city, will be held in the House of Assembly on the 24th instant.

SILVER.—H. M. S. Charybdis left Esquimalt yesterday afternoon for England, calling down this evening a party of New Westminister for the same purpose.

THE EAST TREASURE SHIPMENTS.—The amount of treasure forwarded from Portland by the Brother Jonathan to San Francisco is \$140,000, this with the \$270,125 shipped from this port made a total of \$425,165, 20, besides what was conveyed in private hands.

ODYSSEY HOME.—H. M. S. Charybdis calls for England, via Valparaiso, this morning.

WILLIAM J. B. STUART & CO.—This was an action in which the plaintiff, represented by Mr. Gopland, sued the defendants, advised by

Mr. Stewart & Co., for damages for services rendered.

THURSDAY, Dec. 15.—**MECHANICS' LITERARY INSTITUTE.**—This institution is announced to be opened for members to-morrow afternoon, at 4 o'clock.

THE TWO SPACIOUS ROOMS IN PARSON'S BUILDING, which have been engaged by the Committee of Management, have been fitted up in the most comfortable manner, and will be well warmed and ventilated; the reading room will be supplied with all the leading English, American, Colonial, and local papers, the principal London and American monthly magazines, &c.

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W. M. NEALY.—Agent for Vancouver Island and British Columbia, has had a number of meetings with the Chinese in this country, and is continuing his tour of inspection.

THE CHINESE IN RUSSIA.—The Chinese in the provinces of Amur and Manchuria are said to have found refuge in connection with a secret society of Russians called Nihilists.

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TALE OR A STORY.—A young man named John Watkins was charged yesterday with a felonious intention towards a Chinaman in a wash, and secondly with assaulting the Chinaman.

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